Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2007

## AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Page 5

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including the same Figure. The Figure has been amended to include a "Prior Art" label.

Attachment:

Replacement sheet

Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2007

Docket No.: 3427-0138PUS1

Page 6

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in

condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent.

Amendments have been made to the specification, drawings and claims 1-3.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority

under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the

Information Disclosure Statement filed April 4, 2005, and for providing Applicants with a copy

of the PTO-SB08 form filed therewith that indicates that the references have been considered.

**Objection to the Drawings** 

The Examiner has objected to Figure 1 because it does not include a "Prior Art" label.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicants are concurrently submitting a

Replacement Drawing Sheet for the Examiner's approval, which addresses the deficiency

pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are

respectfully requested.

Specification Objection

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of an informality on page 2. In

order to overcome this objection, Applicants have amended the specification in order to correct

the deficiency pointed out by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are

respectfully requested.

Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

Page 7

Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2007

Claim Amendments

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 in order to place them in better form. The claim

amendments are not being made in response to any statutory requirement for patentability, and

have not been narrowed in scope.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph. This rejection is

respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that claim 3 does not comply with the enable requirement. In order

to overcome this rejection, Applicants have amended claim 3 as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are fully supported by and

adequately described in the written description of the invention. Accordingly, reconsideration

and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, and 4-7 are allowable.

Applicants submit that dependent claim 3, which has been amended to overcome the rejection under

35 U.S.C. § 112, should be allowable as well.

Cited References

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but

have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or

rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently

outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response

Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

Docket No.: 3427-0138PUS1 Page 8

has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: March 31, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Eller, Jr.

Registration No.: 39,538

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant

Attachments